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THE DIFFICULTY.

MRS. KELLY.—Does your husband get good pay, Mrs. Rooney?
MRS. ROONEY.—Well, he would, Mrs. Kelly, ef ut was n't fer shtriking so often fer *better* pay.

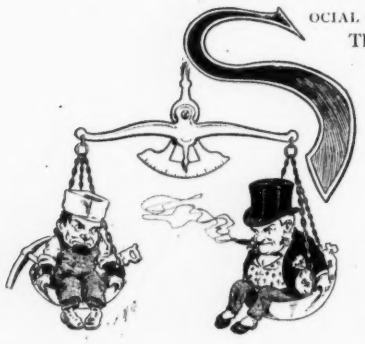
PREROGATIVE.

CLERK MONK.—Only one straw left. Who gets the last straw?
HIPPO.—The camel, of course. Confound him!

FROM THE "PETTYVILLE PLAIN-DEALER."

"If you are thinking of sending a turkey to the President for Christmas we suggest that you take a second thought and send it to us, instead. The President may fear that it is poisonous, while we will have no such scruples. He may receive hundreds of turkeys; we shall probably have none. If he acknowledges the receipt of yours it will be by means of a formal, stereotyped note which you will be obliged to pass from hand to hand in order to give it proper publicity; while, if we get your turkey, we will expend our best efforts in giving it and you a eulogy and publicity which you will be proud to paste in a scrapbook and hand down to your children and children's children."

BALLADE OF THE IMPOSSIBLE.



SOCIAL equality is coming,
The communistic prophets say.
There 'll be no chance to go a-slumming,
For poverty will fly away.
Fortune will be an easy prey,
And we shall seize her and compel her
To make us all, without delay,
As rich as John D. Rockefeller.

But, when we dance, who 'll do the strumming?
And will the cook consent to stay?
The pipes may burst—who 'll do the plumbing?
Who 'll condescend the pig to slay?
And if we build a house, who 'll lay
The brick, and who will dig the cellar?
Do you suppose 't will be some jay
As rich as John D. Rockefeller?

With goods to sell, who 'll do the drumming,
Or sweep the store, or drive the dray?
Who 'll keep the locomotive humming
By shoveling coal? And who will play
Schoolma'am or typist, when she may
At Newport be a happy dweller?
What if we all were made from clay
As rich as John D. Rockefeller?

Friend, Socialism would never pay!
Yet, if she wins, I think I 'll tell her
I 'd like to be, for just one day,
As rich as John D. Rockefeller!

Frank Roe Batchelder.

A NERVY PERFORMANCE.

HOWSON HOMECREST.—So Thomson is a man of nerve, is he?
KINGSBORO KINGSLEY.—Is he? Well, say! He can light an old corncob pipe in the presence of his mother-in-law without the quiver of an eyelash!

A woman really needs two faces: her own face and the face she kisses other women with.

A PRIMROSE PATH.

"Has n't Miss Faddington anything on exhibition?"
"No! I think she has given up painting. She finds it so much easier to be a connaisseur."

IN BOSTON.

"EMERSON," said his teacher, severely, "you have presented a document purporting to be signed by your father, asking me to excuse you for your absence yesterday."

"Yes, Ma'am."

"This alleged handwriting of your father so closely resembles your own as to make me more than doubtful of the genuineness of the document and to suggest a strong suspicion that you have been playing truant. You will, therefore, ask your father to call on me to-morrow, in order that this question may be cleared up."

Emerson peered at the teacher gravely over his spectacles.

"It seems to me," he said, "that this is not a question to be decided by the evidence of a lay witness such as my father. The ideal course would be to summon about seventeen penmanship experts and have them testify *pro* and *con*, accompanying their testimony by blackboard demonstrations. As this is hardly practicable—the time and expense involved in such a proceeding being entirely out of proportion to the importance of the issue at stake—it would appear to be a case for the application of that great principle of jurisprudence that the accused is entitled to the benefit of the doubt. I, therefore, move you, Ma'am, that the complaint be dismissed."

"Motion denied!" said the teacher, sternly.

"In that case," said Emerson, "I would ask that you take the papers and reserve your decision."

But the teacher refused to do anything of the kind, whereupon Emerson pleaded guilty and was punished to the full extent of the law.

Wm. E. McKenna.

HIS COMPLAINT.

"Ay! There he goes to seek his fortune!"
"Indeed? Marry, he will find it a cold world!"
"Ay! But he says this village is not so warm!"

THE GUEST OF THE MEN-AT-ARMS.

BEING A PAGE FROM THE ANNALS OF KUTISNEK CASTLE.

PERCY, ninth earl of Kutisnek, was, despite his name, a man of great shrewdness and decision of character. When he was annoyed he was inclined to show it plainly, unless it was unprofitable or troublesome. He was annoyed now. There was a stranger within the gates, a mere low-bred stranger, who was the guest of the men-at-arms and whose entertainment caused a good deal of boisterous merriment in the guard room. Even now Lord Kutsinek in his private apartment, with its four-foot-six walls and its immovable six-by-eight windows, could hear the robust baritone voice of the stranger singing that distressingly popular ballad of the day entitled, "Ye Mayde of ye Roebuck Inn." Then, just as the chorus began, someone apparently opened a door, and the whole volume of it swelled up to him:

"Ho! 'Ere 's to the m'yde o' the Roebuck hinn!
Ho! 'Ere 's to the m'yde, Hi s'y!
Young 'opes run 'igh 'er 'eart to win,
Hand Love will find a w'y!"

Such carryings-on were inimical to discipline. Lord Kutisnek rang his bell. There was no answer. Though he was a man who believed devoutly in the dignity of personal appearance as enhanced by fitting costume, he was so irritated that, just as he was, in a simple morning suit of negligee armor, he opened the door and stepped out on the gallery that overlooked the inner ballium. The roystering in the guard room across the court grew louder, and there was a great hammering with pewters on the heavy oak tables. It was evidently the culminating outburst of high spirits and malt liquor, and the party was about to break up. So, with a sigh, his lordship turned and re-entered his room.

Ten minutes later a menial knocked at his door and handed him a card which bore an unpretentious name and a group of mysterious letters, thus:

JOHN HARDHEAD,
A. A. of M. at A.

"Who is he?" growled his lordship.

"'E 's the party wot 's been making merry hin the guard room this week, me lud."

"Oh! He is, is he? What does he want?"

"To see you most particular, 'e says, me lud."

"Well, if he sees me at all he 'll see me most particular—that 's my style!" exclaimed his lordship with some sort of mirth, while the menial grinned blankly in apprehensive sympathy. "Tell him to go to the dev—. Or, no; send him up. Go!" The menial withdrew with the alacrity of a servant who is trained to dodge.

"I 'll just see what his game is, anyhow," muttered his lordship, as he put on his helmet and with a careless grace seated himself in a stone morris chair, while he jauntily swung his gauntlets in one hand.

His visitor arrived with businesslike promptness and greeted his lordship with a businesslike nod.

"My name," he said, "is 'Ard'ead."

RECKLESS.

GLADYS.—So he proposed in his auto after a week's acquaintance? What did you tell him?

DOLLY.—Told him he was exceeding the speed limit.

A SUBSTITUTE.

COLORED SPORTSMAN.—Golly! I 'd like to hab him for mah breakfas'!
RABBIT.—Why not try some of the new breakfast foods?

A VICTIM OF ENVIRONMENT.

MRS. HANDOUT.—Poor man! I suppose you never had the benefit of religious training while young?

TIRESOME TOMPKINS.—Alas! No, Mum! Both uv me parents wuz church-choir singers!

"Your card," said his lordship, as he glanced at the pasteboard again, "says Hardhead."

"Hexactly, me lud! We quite hunderstand heach hother."

"Oh! Do we?"

"You know who Hi ham, hof course?"

"I don't."

The visitor looked aghast.

"Why," he gasped, "you 've surely seen hin the metropolitan pipers—"

"We don't take them at Kutisnek. Yellow is a color I despise."

"Quite so, me lud. Then Hi 'll hexpl'in. Hi, sir," and the buttons of his tunic strained to hold their places, "ham the walking delegate hof the Hamalgamated Hassociation hof Men-at-Harms. My 'orse 'as been hin your stybles for three d'ys, during which time Hi 've been hengaged hin hinstalling the Kutisnek lodge hof the Hassociation."

"And of what interest is this to me?"

"Hof the most vital, me lud. Hit hadvances the welfare hof your supporters, hand consequently your hown."

"U'm!"

"Hand for this reason we feel sure that you will readily haccede to hour proposition."

"And that is?"

"Twenty per cent. hincrease in wages, honly height hours a day fighting, hextra pay for Sunday scraps, hand recognition hof the Hassociation."

For a moment his lordship looked as if he were about to ring for Sharpedge, the headsman, but he thought better of it—Sharpedge might be a member of the lodge. Besides, in the present turbulent state of the country, when some of his neighbors might move on him in force at any moment, he could not afford to stir up trouble with his supporters. So he decided to temporize.

"And if I feel that business does n't justify the increase?" he said, interrogatively.

"Then, me lud, by the rules hof the Hassociation Hi shall be compelled to horder the men hout."

"They recognize your authority to do so?"

"They now wait the word, me lud."

"And you have the word with you at present?"

"Hi 'ave, me lud."

"Then perhaps we had better arbitrate. I suppose that you can be convinced that the proposed action is ill-advised?"

"Hi ham halw'ys hopen to proper hargument, me lud."

"Good!" exclaimed his lordship. "We shall have no difficulty in arriving at an understanding."

As a preliminary, he rang and ordered up a generous bowl of sack. The conference lasted only as long as the sack, but it appeared to be eminently satisfactory to both parties concerned.

"Now," said his lordship at its close, "I am to understand that you won't give the word to the men?"

"Me lud," replied the walking delegate with dignity, "Hi ham too good a business man to give hanything that Hi can sell," and, signing a receipt—which was also an agreement—for the full amount, Master Hardhead withdrew. And, having convinced the lodge that the present was not an opportune time for action, the walking delegate was soon seen riding cityward along the king's highway.

Wood Levette Wilson.

GOLD'S POWER.

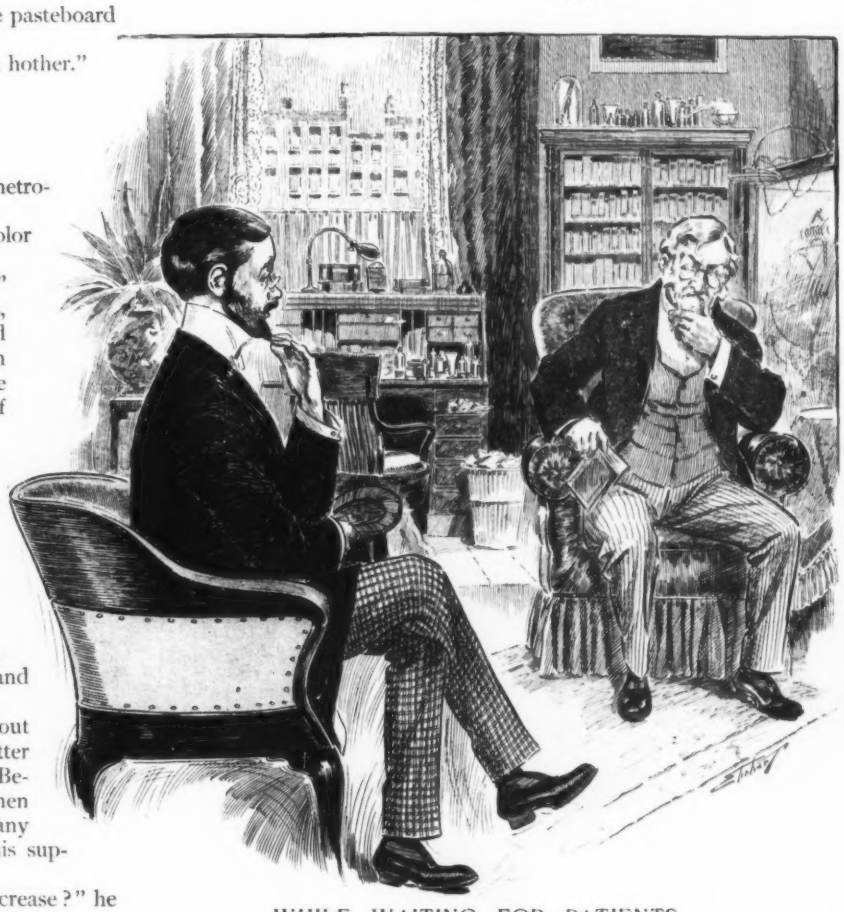
Gold surroundings, rarest, best,
Doris would attain;
Riches, at her proud behest,
All your coffers drain.

Poverty, should *she* request,
Buffetings restrain.
Gold surroundings, rarest, best,
Doris would attain.

I will try with eager zest
What she craves to soon obtain;
In a locket I 'll invest
And gratify her love of gain—

Gold surroundings, rarest, best,
Doris would attain.

A. H. F.



WHILE WAITING FOR PATIENTS.

OLD DOCTOR.—Are you pursuing any special line of study aside from your practice?

YOUNG DOCTOR.—Oh, yes! I am experimenting to find out how little food is necessary to support human life.

ALICE'S ADAPTATION.

TOM HARKAWAY.—Alice, can you tell me why it is cruel to dock horses' tails?
ALICE RYDER.—Yes, indeed! Because what God has joined together, let no man put asunder.

If the fools were all dead some of the others would have a hard time to live.

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CARTOONS AND COMMENTS.

A HINT TO CUBA. CUBAN RECIPROCITY, the bane of the Beet Sugar Senator, is once more before us. Our old friends, "Plain Duty," "Civic Decency" and "National Honor," are likewise ready for their Winter's work. It will be hard work, as all three are strangers in Washington, except at the White House, and Congress is too busy to pay them much attention. As a serious issue, Cuba's case is unchanged. Since last session, no new arguments, for or against her, have appeared. All that could be said, apparently, was said in the Spring. "As sure as fate," the President declared, is the coming of Cuban Reciprocity, but opposed to this encouraging prediction is that well-known Congressional maxim: "Never do this session what can be put off till next." Meanwhile, Cuba is learning much about American national honor; doubtless, a fascinating study, full of surprises. If, however, Cuba really wants a market for her sugar, and a profit in the raising, how would it do to open negotiations with the Sugar Trust? In exchange for Cuba's output, the Trust would gladly give, we believe, a choice block of stock, and Cuba, much to her advantage, would become part and parcel of an Infant Industry and share in the dividends. Indeed, it is surprising, in view of the charge that Congress is owned by the Trusts, that Cuba has dallied so long with mere subordinates, instead of going at once to one of the firm. Possibly, if reciprocity between the Sugar Trust and the Cuban planters could be arranged on a merger basis, reciprocity between the United States and Cuba on the basis of plain duty, might be dispensed with and Congress would have time for its regular business. At any rate, it is a good chance for some hustling promoter; one speaking Spanish preferred.

SWEET CHARITY. SO MR. FRICK is to build a university which will be bigger and better than Mr. Carnegie's university! Well—boys will be boys and multimillionaires, after all, are only human. In the same sense that competition is the life of trade, competition, henceforth, is to be the life of philanthropy and charity. That is, till the formation of the Philanthropic Trust in years to come. It is well enough now for Messrs. Frick and Carnegie to compete in good deeds, but philanthropists, by and by, will find it mutually advantageous to combine. Competition is expensive when waged on the Frick-Carnegie scale, and, sooner or later, even multimillionaires will feel the strain. Then will the laws of New Jersey be resorted to and the Philanthropic Trust will follow. Once incorporated, the united philanthropists will give the best grade of charity for far less than the independent dealer can afford to take and, in consequence, will control the home output. After that, a prohibitive tariff on foreign charity will alone be required to make them happy. For these innovations, however, the time is not yet ripe. For the present the best we can hope for is a fad of philanthropy in the Great American Game. Untold good would speedily result if words like these were common at the card tables of the rich: "I'll see your library and raise you a hospital;" or, "It will cost you a university to stay in." Then would gambling become a public utility and William Travers Jerome might rest from his raids. Finally, on the subject of philanthropy, PUCK is sorry for those old-fashioned folks who "never let the right hand know what their left hand did." Their methods are pathetically out of date. Not only should their right hand know, invariably, what their left hand did, or contemplates doing, but a capable publicity bureau should be maintained to keep the whole community posted. "Faith, hope and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

EDITORIAL RESPECT. ONE OF the most forceful comments upon President Roosevelt's message was that of a New York evening paper. Appearing in print where "*it*," if seen, is "*so*," the comment was no reckless piece of yellow impudence but a conservative Park Row utterance. When President McKinley was shot and the yellow journals were rightfully receiving their share of the blame, the daily referred to was quick to affirm and repeat that presidents of the United States should be treated, under all circumstances, with editorial respect. Criticism, of course, was permissible and proper, but reckless ridicule and raving denunciation were not. Theodore Roosevelt is president of the United States and in consequence thereof, we take pleasure in quoting from the paper in question, the following model of editorial respect: "Even his political beneficiaries will strain their intellects in indorsing it (the message) for, in the language of those strenuous people *before whom he loves to pose*, it is *seven pounds lighter than a straw hat!*" Dignified, scholarly, even classical, what adjective most fittingly describes it? Happily epigrammatic, it mingles wit with solid criticism. It has all the keen humor of a knockabout team and the biting satire of a slap-stick.

THERE IS a cheerful feeling in certain circles that next year the office will seek the Tammany man.

HOW IT HAPPENED.

SALLY PUMPKINS.—Jerushy Ann says Si Hayrake offered her his hand in marriage.

MARTHY BUTTERINE.—Land sakes! I don't doubt it! He 's so 'tarnal awkward he never does know what to do with his hands!

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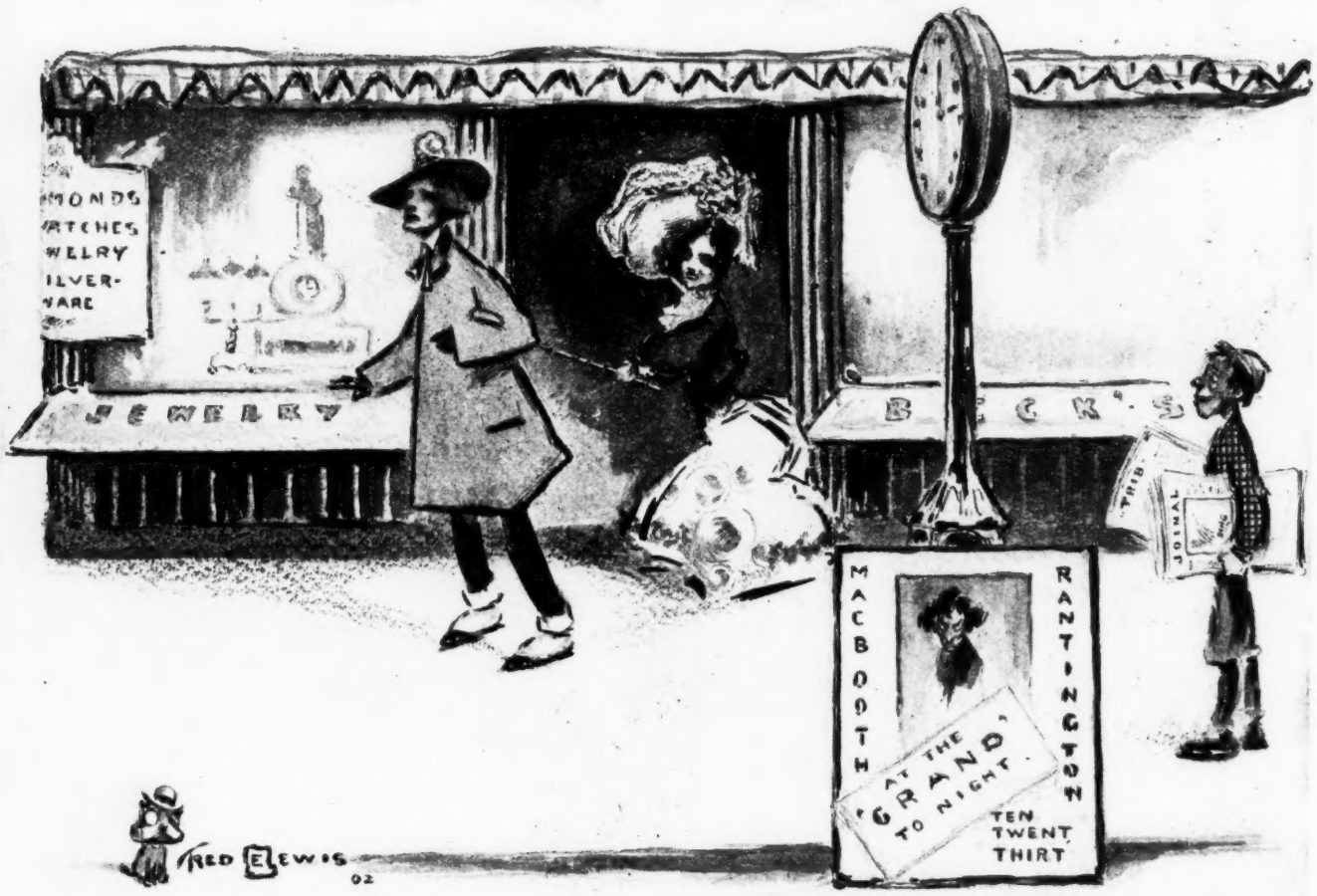
A STRENUOUS JOB ON THE

OB ON THE CUBAN RANCH.



IN HIS EYES.

THE SOUBRETTE.—Oh, stop a moment! I 'm not going in! I only want to look at the beautiful things in the window.

THE LEADING MAN.—Then, come on! There 's a restaurant window on the next corner!

A FINE OLD MAN.

"YOU ARE old, Father Christmas," the young woman said,
"Yet whenever you visit the earth,
You laugh like a boy and you shake your white head
And chuckle in gladness and mirth."

"My dear," Father Christmas replied, with a grin,
"I 'll tell you the reason of that.
In my youth I was solemn and, therefore, quite thin,
So I thought I would laugh and grow fat."

"You are old, Father Christmas," she went on to say,
"And the old oft are stingy and mean;
Yet you strew welcome gifts in a free-handed way,
Such lavishness never was seen!"

"In my youth," Father Christmas replied, with a wink,
"I had an extravagant wife;
And the prodigal habits she taught me, I think,
Affected me all through my life."

"You are old," said the maiden, "as surely you know,
Yet when you come earthward, each year,
You always remember to bring mistletoe
To hang on the great chandelier."

"In my youth," Father Christmas replied, and he smiled,
"Ere ever to mortals I came;
I studied young hearts, and I find, my dear child,
Their wishes are ever the same."

Carolyn Wells.

CERBERUS.

"The wolf is at the door!" he groaned. "And I know not how to keep him out."

"Why not try giving the janitor a quarter?" suggested the ever unpractical feminine.

"Saved!" he shrieked, exultantly. "Saved by a woman's wit!"

CHRISTMAS VERSION.

Woodman spare that tree,
Touch not a single bough;
The gifts to furnish it
Will bankrupt me, I vow.

IT IS a good thing that talk is cheap. It is desirable that the necessities of life should always be within easy reach of the masses.

FOR PROTECTION.

MRS. HARE.—Oh! I say, Mrs. Porcupine, won't you come and stand behind me at the bargain sale to-morrow?

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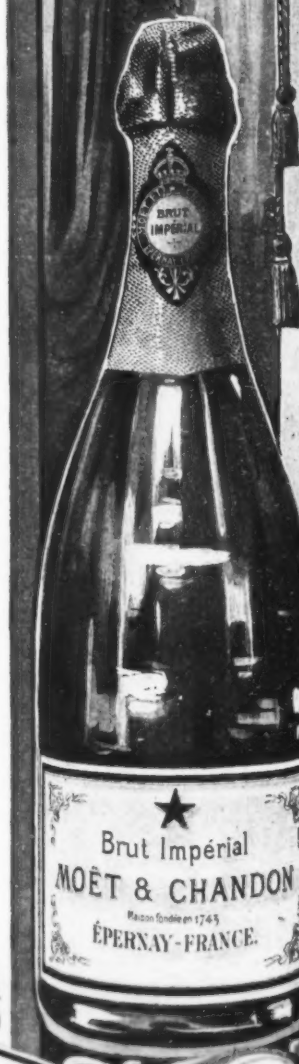

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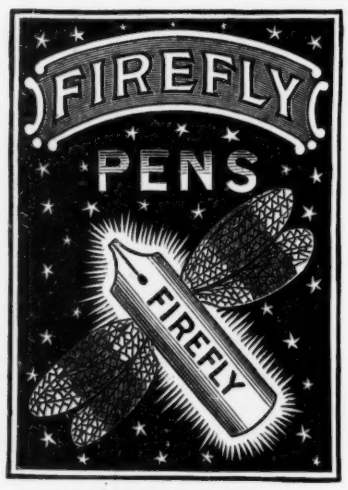

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"Way he takes on. He 's been actin' queer ever sence the old mule kicked him." — *Atlanta Constitution.*

ASK a married woman what she has done the most of in her married life and she will feel like saying: 'Cook, wash dishes and forgive." —*Atchison Globe.*

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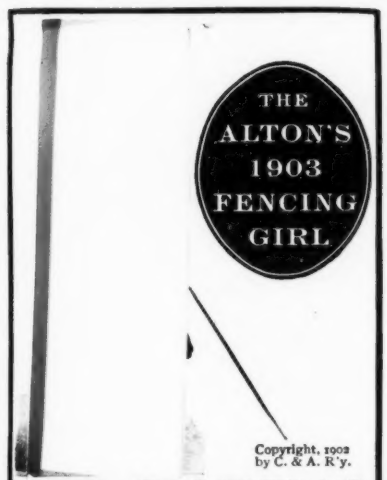

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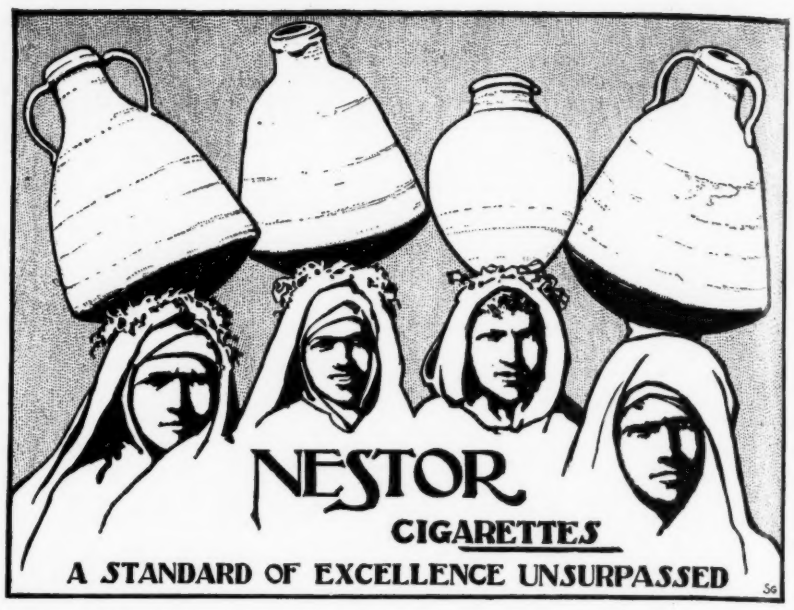

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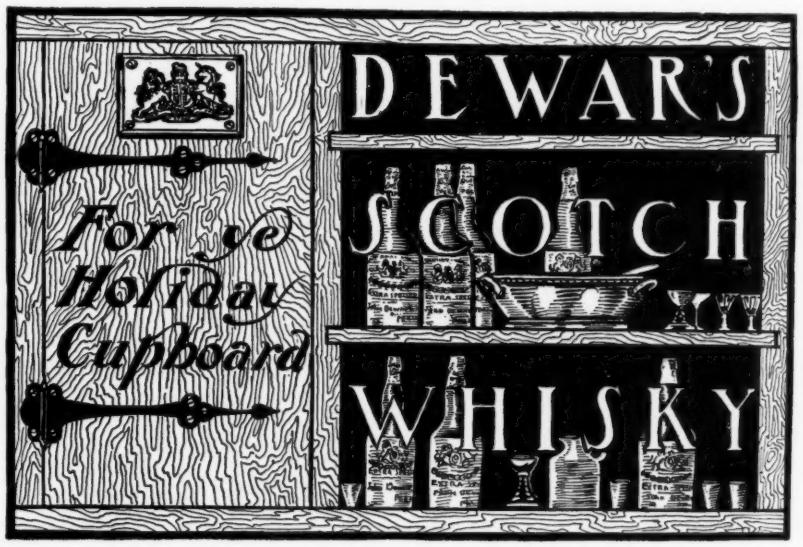
MRS. HAUSKEEP.—My husband 's so cranky about his coffee; I always have to make it for him, myself.

MRS. OLEMANZ DARLING.—I never give my husband coffee at all. It 's nothing but a slow poison.

MRS. HAUSKEEP.—Give him something quicker, do you?—*Phila. Press.*



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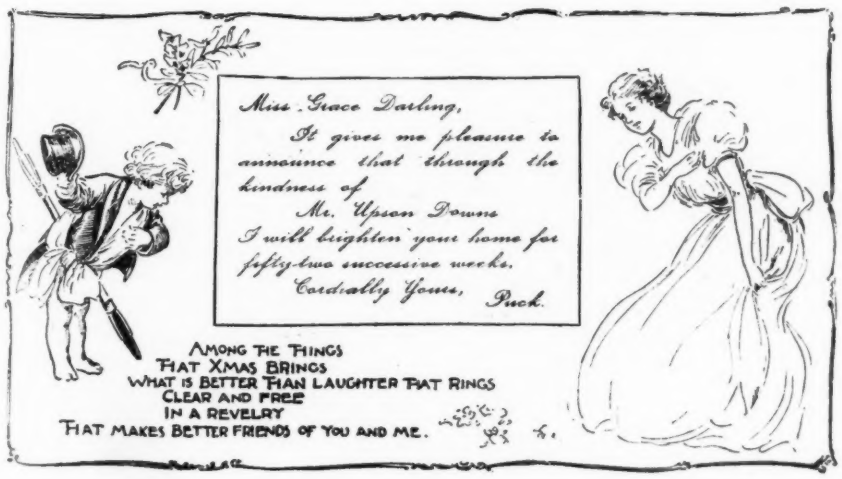
"Ah! There was a woman in the case, perhaps."

"Well, the 'Black Maria' brought me here, sure enough!"—*Philadelphia Press.*

PUCK'S CHRISTMAS CARD



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I.
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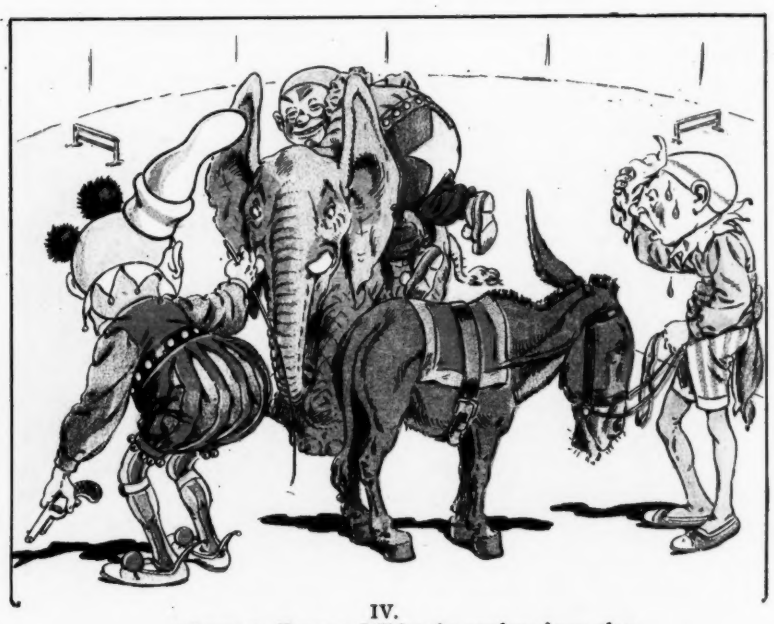
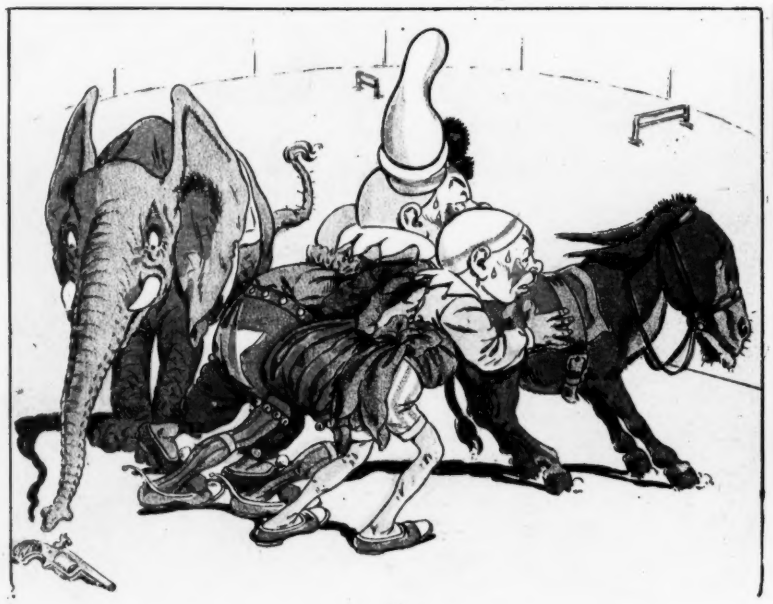
II.
"Are you ready?"
"No! No! Don't fire! I can't get him to toe the scratch!

III.
"Get-ep! Confound you! Do you want to queer the show?



IV.
"Come on, Humpty, I 'll lay the revolver down, then we 'll all get at him."



V.
LITTLE BILLY.—Guess I may as well get in the game, too.
CLOWN.—Now, then, altogether! One—two—

VI.
—"three! Gosh!"

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